

SECOND REQUEST FOR COPY OF MISSING IDS

Applicant again respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a signed and initialed copy of the information disclosure statement previously submitted by Applicant and received by the Patent Office on September 16, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 3-10, 12-13, 15-23, 25-28, and 30-35 are pending in the application, of which all claims stand rejected. Claims 1-2, 11, 14, 24, and 29 are canceled above. Claims 3, 13, 23, and 35 are amended above. In keeping with MPEP 706.07(h)V, the amendment markings are made relative to the claims of the last entered amendment (i.e., as they stood prior to the final rejection. According to the advisory action, the amendments of claims made in the reply of May 23, 2006 were not entered.)

Claim 3 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 11, along with additional language suggested by the Examiner as explained below. Claim 3 has also been amended to effect minor clerical revisions to provide a clearer antecedent basis for the terms “selected” and “ring”. Independent claims 13, 23 and 35 have been amended with the additional language suggested by the Examiner in a similar manner to claim 3.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments, because such amendments place the application in condition for allowance, are responsive to the requests of Examiner Zhen, and otherwise require only a cursory review by the Examiner.

STATEMENT UNDER 1.133(b)

The undersigned representative would like to thank the Examiner Zhen for the courtesy of the telephone interview of July 27, 2006.

During the interview the decision in the advisory action not to enter the previously submitted claimed amendments was discussed. Examiner Zhen indicated that the amendments of the independent claims would be entered so long as each independent claim included language equivalent to that added as a last paragraph of independent claim 3. In response, Applicant has

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amended independent claims 13, 23, and 35 to incorporate such language. Accordingly Applicant understands that these claim amendments will be entered.

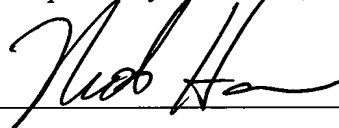
These amendments are being made place the application in better condition for appeal. A Notice of Appeal is been filed herewith.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 3-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) “as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,144,965 to Oliver (hereinafter called Oliver).” Applicant is still of opinion that all pending claims are allowable over Oliver for the reasons provided in the various responses that have been filed and the telephone interview of May 16, 2006. During the telephone interview of May 16, 2006, a detailed explanation was presented as to how Oliver fails to disclose each and every element in each independent claim. These explanations were not refuted by the Examiners during the interview. Nonetheless, the outstanding rejections have been maintained without additional explanation. Accordingly, Applicant is left with no choice but to file a Notice of Appeal.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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